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Dear Mr. Marx -

Please, we need more time and we need more protection. I find, in general, our society gets so busy that not everyone can keep up on everything. That does not mean people do not care or are not concerned. Everyone I have talked to wants an Environmental Impact Statement whether they are for the intermodal or not. People need more time to even hear about this public comment period and then to reply. Ending the comment period today is not enough. We need more time - months. Something of this size should never be rushed.

Our community and those surrounding us deserve to have an Environmental Impact Statement and Health Risk Assessment. We live here. It is not as if the intermodal already existed and we chose to live by it or within a polluting proximity to it. These are homes with families, schools, communities not people working at an intermodal facility merely wanting to live close to where they work. This is an area where quality of life is taken for granted because it is already existent. Yes, an intermodal would drastically effect quality of life. Way beyond aesthetics, the water, air, traffic, noise and light pollution would be drastic. The current proposed sight for the intermodal and logistics park is on top of a wetlands and will cover over thousands of feet of streams feeding into Hillsdale Lake. Five cities have already sued BNSF for fowling their water system. What do you think would happen to Hillsdale Lake? It is only a matter of time before a facility of this magnitude would destroy the drinking water for thousands of people in the area. The aquatic life and everything that relies on this lake would be compromised at varying degrees of severity. Our air quality would not be anything to brag about. Enough trees could not be planted here to make amends. Kansas City, downwind of us, does not need any more pollutants in its air nor anyone else between here and there for that matter. The traffic, well I live on 199th street almost nothing else need be said. I would experience first hand the onslaught of trucks and their pollutants streaming up and down my road. I would hear them crashing over the bridge out in front of my house because thats what they sound like now. The county cannot even keep up with the maintenance of this bridge now what would the roads be like with thousands of trucks every day. The quietness of the country would be gone. Actually almost any asset to living in the country would be nullified. People do not move out here to deal with the norms of industrialized city life.

The Army Corps of Engineers needs to help protect the people and land it is hired to serve. It is a branch of the military service as you well know. It is filled with people who put themselves forward to protect this country - every part of it. The proposed intermodal rail yard and logistics park is a detriment to this area and the people who live here. It is the Corps job as a military branch to maintain the safety of the peoples health and the lands health that we live on. A permit cannot just be given without full research of all aspects of the proposed sight. The proposed sight also includes: the logistics park, 56 highway corridor and inspection station at Moonlight and I-35 not just the intermodal rail yard that BNSF has applied for(See 40 CFR 1508.7). An Environmental Assessment is not enough. The people and the land need an Environmental Impact Statement and a Health Risk Assessment. We need more time and we need to be heard. This is our home our land help us protect it. Mr. Marx, Where do you live?

Thank you for your time, Gretchen Meisinger

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